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Weston District
Between McNulty
Gulch and
Arkansas River

or

Justice Silver
Lode
8-21-1860

Also Strayhorse,
Elkhorn, Iowa,
Queen Gulch
near Oro city

Monday August 21st A.D. 1865

At a meeting of the miners held on the divide between McAtee's Gulch and the Arkansas River this 21st day of August A.D. 1865. Mr H. C. Justice was called to the Chair and Scott Anthony chosen Secretary of the meeting

On Motion a Committee of three was appointed by the Chair. said Committee consisting of Scott Anthony, H. C. Justice and Jacob Thomas to report a Code of Laws and Rules for the Government of the Silver Mining Region in this vicinity.

The Committee reported the following Code of Laws and regulations which were on motion received and adopted as follows

Article 1st

All that Tract of Country Lying along the Silver Lode lately discovered by Mr H. C. Justice for three Miles in a Northerly direction and three Miles in a Southerly direction from the Discovery Claim and one fourth of a Mile upon each Side of said Lode be organized into a Mining district to be known and called by the name of The Washoe District

Article 2

This Lode above mentioned shall be known and called the Justice Silver Lode

Article 3.

There shall be elected a President and Recorder of said District who shall hold their offices for one year and until their Successors are duly Elected.

Article 4th

It shall be the duty of the President to Preside at all regular Meetings of

the Miners of this District, and the President together with the Recorder and one other person to be chosen by the Miners at any regularly called meeting for that purpose, shall constitute a Court for the the adjustment of any difficulties or disputes regarding the title to any claim or claims within this district. And the Justices constituting said Court, shall receive the sum of five dollars each for days while sitting for the adjustment of disputed claims. the sum to be deposited to each party, before the case shall be heard. And the party receiving the title to such claim by said Court, shall receive the sum deposited by him in the hands of said Court. But the party feeling agrieved may appeal to the Miners who shall at a meeting called for that purpose, by at least twenty four hours notice being given, by three written or printed Notices posted up in three public places, one of which shall be at or near the Recorders office, choose from among the Miners Six Jurymen who shall be sworn holding in the said District, and the decision of the said Jury shall be final.

Article 5th

It shall be the duty of the Recorder to act as Secretary at all regular and called meetings of the Miners in this District, and to Record in suitable form all Claims in the said district, and he shall receive for his services the sum of fifty cents for filing any claim, and fifty

cents for a Certificate of Record. and one Dollar for Recording the transfer of any Claim.

Article 6th

All claims taken upon said Lode shall be numbered in Numerical order from the discovery Claim North. and in like Manner from the discovery Claim South.

Article 7th

All Lode Claims shall extend one hundred feet along said Lode and Twenty five feet upon each side of said Lode exclusive of the width of the Lode

Article 8th

All Patch Claims shall be one hundred feet in length and Fifty feet in width.

Article 9th

All claims must be recorded in the office of the Recorder of the District within Ten days or the same may be forfeited, and may be Recorded by any other party, and the Recording of any Claim shall be evidence of title

Article 10th

All Claims must be represented by working the same by the party recording or his agent. on or before the first day of July A.D. Eighteen Hundred and Sixty One. or the same shall be forfeited. and may be again Recorded by any other person. and the person so Recording

shall commence work upon such claim within Thirty days. To entitle him to the ownership thereof.

Article 11th

The Regular meetings of the Miners in this District shall be held on the last Saturday of each Month at two o'clock P.M. during the Mining season.

Article 12th

Alterations or Amendments may be made to these rules and regulations at any regular Meeting, or at any meeting called for that purpose by first giving twenty-four hours notice. by petition of at least Twenty five Miners of said District. the petition to be filed in the office of the Recorder, and shall state the object of the call. And the Recorder shall give notice by posting three written or printed Notices in as many public places. One of which shall be at his office.

Article 13th

The discoverer of any Lode in this district shall be entitled to one claim by discovery. and such discoverer or any other person shall be entitled to one Lode Claim and one patch Claim by preemption, and one or more by purchase.

On Motion Mr H. C. Justice was unanimously elected Recorder of this District.

On Motion Mr Scott Anthony was duly elected President of the District

On Motion the meeting adjourned
until Six oclock P.M. on August 21st 1860.
H V C Justice President
Attest.
Scott J Anthony
Secretary

Sept 1st 1860

Pursuant to Order of Last Meeting and
On Motion of Mr Justice the meeting was called to
Order.

Resolved by the Claim Holders on the
Justice Silver Lode Washoe District in Mass Meeting
Assembled that Scott J. Anthony. Henry C. McKee
and Jacob Thomas be Appointed a Committee to
Confer with the Meeting now assembled at the head
of this Gulch or with a Committee Appointed by
said Meeting for the purpose of adjusting the
disputes now existing regarding the titles to Claims
on the said Lode. And that we pledge ourselves
to abide by the decission of said Committee

Carried

It is hereby agreed by and between the Undersigned
Committee of the Claimants of the Brooks Silver Lode
And the Justice Silver Lode that those having recorded
Claims on Each of said Lodes shall be entitled to the
same that from the Separate discoveries the Claims
shall follow the main direction of the Lode and
midway between the two discovery Claims shall be
the line of the two Lodes. This Agreement to be of no
force unless adopted by the Miners meeting to which
the undersigned as Committee shall report

Signed Wm G F Crocker } Committee of
Hugh Strickland } Sulivans District
D. S. Brooks } McKinley's Gulch